

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 915

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

February 22, 2013

An act to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 1990) to Division 2.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to youthful offenders.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 915, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Juvenile Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2013.

Existing law establishes the Youthful Offender Block Grant Fund to be used to enhance the capacity of county probation, mental health, drug and alcohol, and other departments to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services to specified youthful offenders.

This bill, the Juvenile Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2013, would permit each county to establish in each county treasury a Youthful Offender Block Grant Part B account. The bill would require the Department of Finance, in consultation with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Board of State and Community Corrections, and the Chief Probation Officers of California, to calculate the cost to the state of housing and supervising juvenile offenders who have committed certain specified offenses for the fiscal year 2013–13 and every year thereafter and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to allocate 75% the savings realized for the purposes specified in this bill. The bill would require, in any fiscal year for which a county receives money pursuant to these provisions, the funds to be made available to the local Community Corrections Partnership of that county to be utilized to improve local probation supervision practices

and capacities serving juvenile offenders and for the implementation or enhancement of recognized best practices for serving high-need youth offenders. The bill would require that 40% of the funds be allocated proportionally and directly to those counties with net decreases in new admissions of juvenile offenders to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice, 40% to be available to fund a block grant program, as specified, and 20% to be available to fund technical assistance for counties in the ongoing implementation of model practices for serving certain specified juvenile offenders.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 1990) is
2 added to Division 2.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 1.7. JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
5 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES

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7 1990. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Juvenile
8 Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2013.

9 1991. (a) No later than July 1, 2014, the Department of
10 Finance, in consultation with the Department of Corrections and
11 Rehabilitation, the Board of State and Community Corrections,
12 and the Chief Probation Officers of California, shall calculate the
13 cost to the state of housing and supervising juvenile offenders who
14 have committed an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section
15 707 who were in the custody of, or subject to supervision by, the
16 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile
17 Justice for the 2012–13 fiscal year.

18 (b) No later than July 1, 2014, and every July 1 thereafter, the
19 Department of Finance, in consultation with the Department of
20 Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Board of State and Community
21 Corrections, and the Chief Probation Officers of California, shall
22 calculate the cost to the state of housing and supervising juvenile
23 offenders who have committed an offense described in subdivision
24 (b) of Section 707 who were in the custody of, or subject to
25 supervision by, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,

1 Division of Juvenile Justice in the immediately preceding fiscal
2 year.

3 (c) Beginning July 1, 2014, and no later than July 1 of each year
4 thereafter, the Department of Finance shall calculate the savings
5 to the state, if savings are realized, by subtracting the amount
6 calculated annually pursuant to subdivision (b) from the amount
7 calculated pursuant to subdivision (a). Of this amount, 75 percent
8 shall, upon appropriation by the Legislature, be set aside and
9 allocated as specified in Section 1993.

10 1992. (a) Each county is hereby authorized to establish in each
11 county treasury a Youthful Offender Block Grant Part B account,
12 to receive all amounts allocated to that county pursuant to Section
13 1993.

14 (b) In any fiscal year for which a county receives money to be
15 expended for the implementation of this chapter, the moneys,
16 including any interest, shall be made available to the local
17 Community Corrections Partnership of that county for the purposes
18 specified in Section 1994.

19 1993. The amounts calculated pursuant to subdivision (c) shall
20 be allocated as follows:

21 (a) Forty percent shall be allocated proportionally and directly
22 to those counties with net decreases in new admissions of juvenile
23 offenders to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,
24 Division of Juvenile Justice over the fiscal year 2012–13 baseline
25 new commitments.

26 (b) Forty percent shall be available to fund a block grant
27 program whereby each county may apply for funds in order to
28 increase capacity for serving the county’s population of juvenile
29 offenders who committed an offense described in subdivision (b)
30 of Section 707. The funding made available pursuant to this
31 subdivision shall be allocated on the basis of a competitive grant
32 that is open to all counties and is not limited to counties showing
33 decreases in new admissions to the Department of Corrections and
34 Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice.

35 (c) Twenty percent shall be available to fund technical assistance
36 for counties in the ongoing implementation of model practices for
37 serving juvenile offenders who committed an offense described
38 in subdivision (b) of Section 707, or for those counties developing
39 programs to serve a combination of juvenile offenders who
40 committed an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707

1 and other juvenile offenders. A portion of these funds may be used
2 to fund staff positions within the Board of State and Community
3 Corrections.
4 1994. Money allocated to each county Youthful Offender Block
5 Grant Part B account shall be utilized to improve local probation
6 supervision practices and capacities serving juvenile offenders
7 committed for offenses specified in subdivision (b) of Section 707
8 and for the implementation or enhancement of recognized best
9 practices for serving high-need youth offenders. Best practices
10 shall be identified and defined by the Board of State and
11 Community Corrections, and shall include core values with proven
12 results, including, but not limited to, strengths-based,
13 individualized, family-centered, culturally competent services,
14 positive youth development frameworks, and trauma-informed
15 care.

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